



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, High School Principals and Data Managers

FROM: Wesley Bruce, Assistant Superintendent for Accreditation, Assessment & Licensing
Mary Tiede Wilhelmus, Director of School Data Reporting

DATE: November 8, 2007

SUBJECT: Graduation Rates for Class of 2007

The Indiana General Assembly revised the state formula for calculating high school graduation rates during the past legislative session. The changes, now codified at Indiana Code 20-26-13 (www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title20/ar26/ch13.html), affect how students from previous and future cohort groups are counted in the formula and include a requirement to compute “five-year” and “six-year” graduation rates.

Class of 2007 graduation rates that reflect these changes are now available online using your four-digit corporation/school number and pin from this secure link: <https://mustang.doe.state.in.us/AP/logingrad.cfm>. The link to the 2006 graduation rate provides the new “five-year” graduation rate required by statute.

Related Data Collections – Due 11.9.07

The Department of Education-Graduation Report (DOE-GR) and Dropout/Mobility Report (DOE-DM) are being collected through close of business tomorrow (Friday, Nov. 9). These data submissions (accessible at www.doe.state.in.us/stn) will significantly affect local graduation rate site. When the DOE-GR and DOE-DM are final for the high school(s) in the corporation, the estimated rate will be replaced by the actual rate. The official statewide graduation rate will be final only after all DOE-GR and DOE-DM reports have been submitted.

Please be aware that if students appear in your cohort incorrectly, there will be no manual corrections this year. The graduation rate will be calculated only based on the data that has been certified and submitted to the STN system. There were opportunities to provide dropout and mobility information during each year of this cohort’s high school experience.

New Data Displays

Please note the following recent data display enhancements:

- This is our first use of STN to connect data from different sources and display it in both charts and graphs.
- School level data is also connected to the corporation data and to the state data, which will allow trend comparisons between schools, corporations and the state.

- New data displays now link demographic data for schools and corporations to test scores. This allows high schools to compare performance (GQE, SAT, ACT and AP tests) by gender, race/ethnicity, retained students and free/reduced-price meal students (meals) if there are at least ten students in each group.

You can view these data displays now by visiting the school or corporation “Profile” page, accessible at <http://mustang.doe.state.in.us/SEARCH/search.cfm> and clicking on “**Enrollment**” (see example below).

Dillinger High School	Grades: 09-12
1934 N Bank St Indianapolis, IN 46204 Phone: (317) 222-2222 Accreditation Status: Full Accreditation Enrollment 2006-07: 1903← Graduates 2005-06: 295 AYP Results Public Law 221 Category Placements	Schedule: Traditional Locale: Large City Corporation: Morgan Township, 1924 Homepage 2006 Graduation Rate 63.2%

Questions

If you have questions, please contact Mary Tiede Wilhelmus at 317-232-9177 or gradrate@doe.state.in.us or visit www.doe.state.in.us for more information.